Price House 312 Goldsborough Street Easton, Maryland 21601 T-452 Turn of the Century

The Price House is one of few buildings in Easton which has elements of the so-called Shingle Style of the late nineteenth century. Constructed around the turn of the century, this rectangular building has an expansive front porch which seems to have been carved out of the building mass. Elaborate dormers protrude from the long sides of the structure, providing further articulation. Inside, spacious rooms are connected by wide doorways.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large rectangular house stands on the south side of Goldsborough Street separated from Foxley Hall by Locust Lane. The shingle-covered structure is entered from the north gable end.

The building gives the appearance of being very self-contained; it consists of a single two-story block without additions or projections. Even the porches appear to have been carved out of the mass of the building. The block is covered by a wide gambrel roof with gently flaring eaves. Elaborate dormers protrude only slightly from the long elevations of the structure.

The building is four bays wide and five bays long. On the entrance facade the deep porch is defined by an arcade of three-centered arches carried by square columns. These are covered with wooden shingles and marked with moldings at the point from which the arch springs. The railing of the porch is continuous with the exterior walls; it is also covered with shingle and has a molded top edge. The main entrance is in the eastern bay. The entrance door has an upper panel of clear glass with beveled edges. A small exterior entrance area has been added.

Despite its importance, the entrance facade is simpler than the side elevations. Accordingly, second floor windows are treated in a simple way with the middle two placed close together. The upper sash has twenty five small lights; the lower sash has a single light. Trim is narrow and flat; louvered shutters are used at these windows. In the gable is a tripartite window. The taller center window has a border of small decorative panes: and the side windows have diamond-shaped panes. Lintels are designed to resemble an entablature.

The side elevations of the building are treated simply on the first floor. Windows have narrow frames which hold one over one sashes. Louvered shutters are used and, like the second floor windows, the two middle windows are closely spaced to emphasize the center of the facade. The large central dormer on the upper floor is covered with a tall gambrel roof. The double windows each with twenty-five small lights in the upper sash and a one-light sash below - are flanked by shingle-covered pilasters. Smaller shed dormers are used at each side of the gambrel dormer; these windows also have the twenty-five sashes. The dormer pilasters are rather unusual; longer than the dormer face they are strong vertical elements despite being covered with the same shingles as the dormer cheeks. Both sides of the structure have similiar window and dormer details.

A brick chimney with a corbelled cap rises near the center of the structure. Chimneys serving other fireplaces in the building may have been removed.

Inside the building has the same generous proportions as the exterior. The entrance hall is quite deep with an enclosed stair against the east wall and a broad arched doorway leading to the rear of the building. The structure is two rooms wide and three deep; openings between major rooms are very broad and have double doors.

Window and door trim is symmetrical with molded corner blocks. The fireplaces have rectangular openings surrounded by tiles. Slender engaged columns flank the openings. The fireplace in the living room has an overmantle with shelf.

The structure is well maintained and used as a single family dwelling. CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure is significant for its architecture. Constructed between 1896 and 1912, its design was influenced by the so-called Shingle Style which developed on the Eastonoast of the United States in the 1880's. Broad and massive, these buildings frequently had wide porches and expansive roofs pierced by dormers. Buildings of this type are uncommon in Easton.

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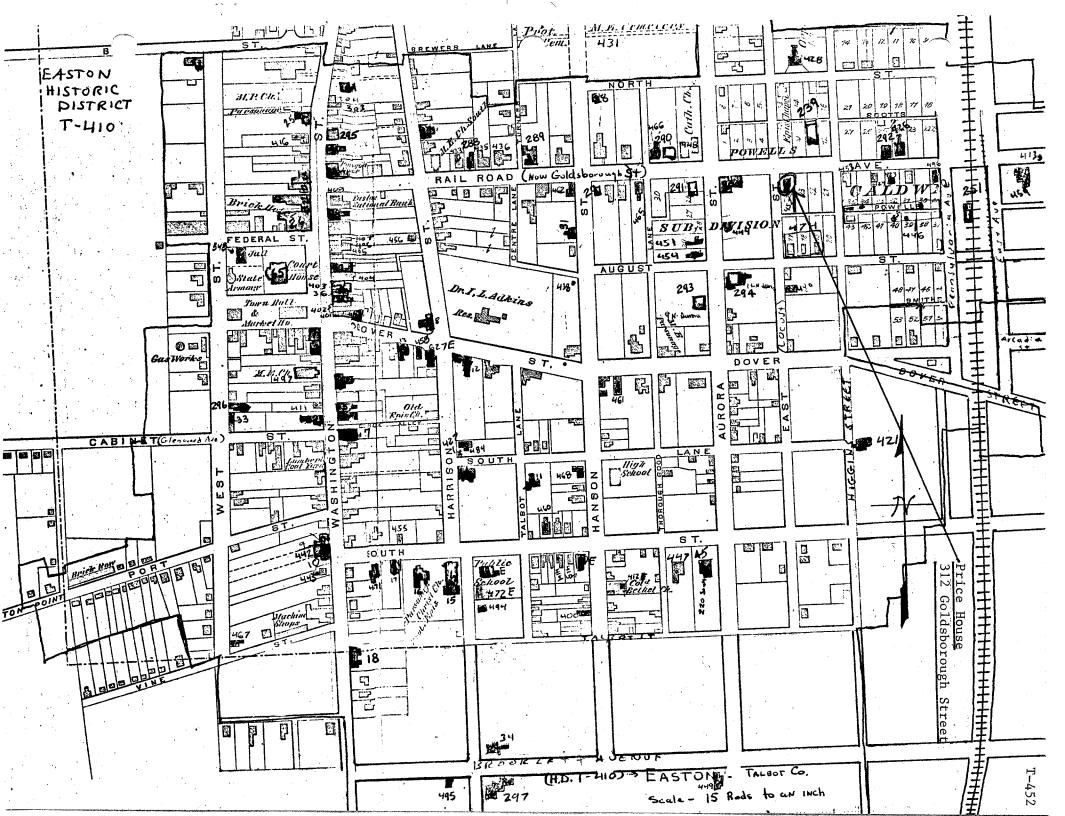
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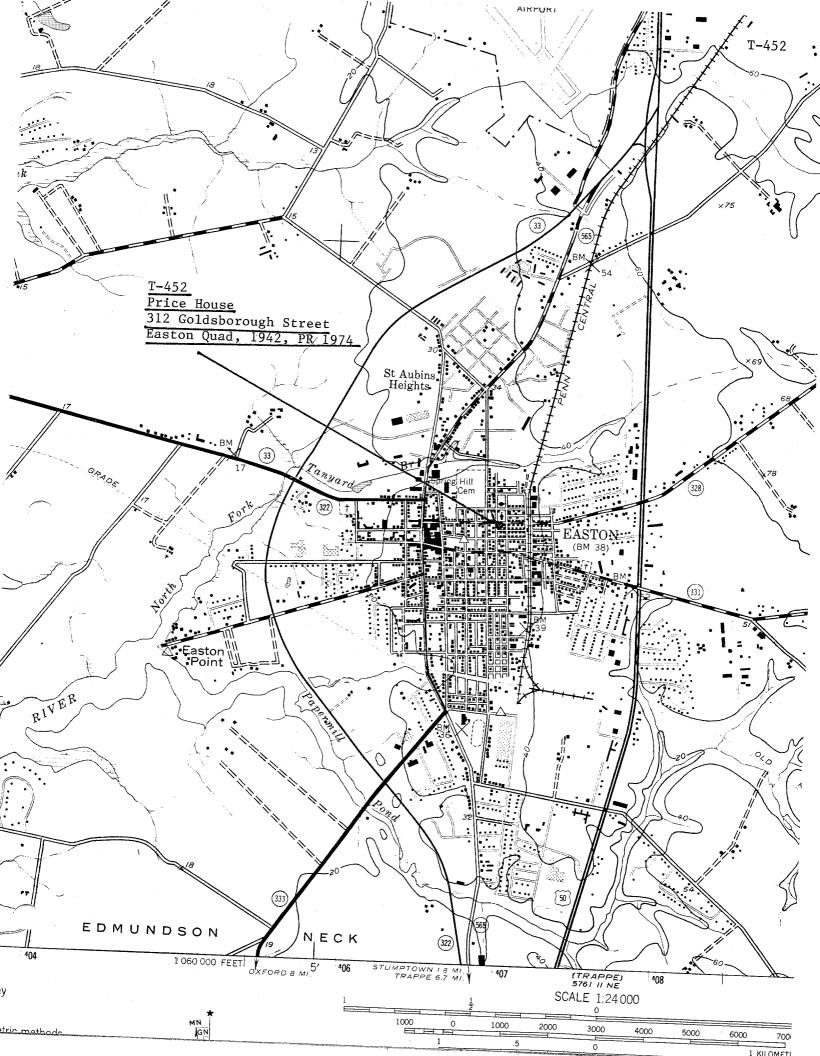
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